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Dear Chuck,

My experience at Chadron State College prepared me for my job through internships and classroom experience. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Range Management with a Range livestock option in December of 2005. I currently work for BKS Environmental Associates in Gillette, Wyoming and my title is Vegetation Ecologist.

- I want to say that a new GIS lab would be very beneficial to the future students as GIS is a key part of my job. I use GIS for use in vegetation mapping and sampling. We use this information to classify vegetation communities and to identify areas of noxious weeds. At the time of my educational experience the GIS portion of the program was limited and since it is an important part of my job I feel that it is needed for future students to gain experience with this type of equipment as many of the jobs are becoming technology based.
- I think that lab equipment would be very beneficial for the new building to give the students the hands on techniques that are needed. I currently don't use lab experiences in my current position.
- I think the new livestock handling equipment would give a new dimension for the students and a better understanding of livestock physiology.

I hope this information helps with the grant.

Sincerely,

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